

## CHAPTER 300

(Senate Bill 194)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 5 of Article 39A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Forestry," providing that Forest Wardens assigned to work in Patapsco State Forest have the powers of peace officers and be provided with uniforms and firearms.

WHEREAS, Patapsco State Forest is near Baltimore City and densely populated suburban areas, as a result of which, many persons use said State Forest; and

WHEREAS, Many acts of vandalism and disorderly conduct have been committed in said Forest and on properties bordering thereon; and

WHEREAS, on the further expansion of said State Forest, there will be further opportunities for the commission of crime; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that greater protection be afforded those who use said Forest and those who live in areas bordering thereon; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 5 of Article 39A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1939 Edition) title "Forestry," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

5. (a) Whenever the State Forester considers it necessary he may apply to the Governor to commission such persons as he may designate to act as Forest Wardens of this State, to enforce the forest laws and to carry out all the purposes of this article, and any work that may be assigned to them by the State Forester. If the Governor approves such persons he may appoint them Forest Wardens for a term of two years, but they shall be subject to removal at any time at the pleasure of the Governor. Such Wardens shall receive such compensation for their

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.